



Amtrak *Cascades* Service Milestones 1993 to 2006

1993

- Amtrak offered one daily Seattle-Portland round trip.

1994

- Washington State sponsored local Amtrak train for the first time.
- Amtrak added second daily Seattle-Portland round trip.
- Washington State leased European Talgo train for temporary use on Pacific Northwest rail service.

1995

- One of two existing Seattle-Portland daily round trips extended south to Eugene.
- One train sponsored by the state of Oregon.
- After a 14-year hiatus, Amtrak Seattle-Vancouver, B.C. service reintroduced in May. Washington State sponsored this daily round trip.
- Renovation of Fairhaven Station in Bellingham completed.
- Restoration of the Kelso Multimodal Transportation Center completed.

1996

- Washington State leased second Talgo train for temporary use in the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor.

1998

- Third daily Seattle-Portland round trip started.
- Travel time between Seattle and Portland reduced by 25 minutes from 3 hours 55 minutes to 3 hours 30 minutes.

1999

- New Amtrak *Cascades* service and equipment introduced.
- Custom-built Talgo trains replace leased equipment.
- New daily Seattle-Bellingham service started. This service complemented existing Seattle-Vancouver, B.C. service.

2000

- A second daily Seattle-Portland round trip was extended south to Eugene. Oregon sponsored this additional service.

2001

- A new stop in Tukwila was added to existing service.
- Quik-Trak ticket machines introduced and installed in select stations.

2002

- A new Amtrak station opened in Everett.
- Remodeling completed at Amtrak Centralia station.

2003

- Approximately 40 percent of Amtrak *Cascades* customers booked their trips online.
- Major renovation began at King Street Station to upgrade this 1906 historic treasure.
- WSDOT purchased third Amtrak *Cascades* trainset to maintain current schedules and pave the way for service expansions.

2004

- Amtrak *Cascades* began stopping at new Skagit Transportation Center in Mount Vernon.
- Rail Plus program began. Allowed cross ticketing between Amtrak *Cascades* and Sound Transit “Sounder” trains between Everett, Edmonds, and Seattle, giving commuters more travel options.
- King Street Station renovations continued with improved restrooms, new exterior canopies, better lighting, and a refurbished main entrance at Third Avenue.

2005

- King Street Station renovations continue.
- Quik-Trak ticket machine added to Mount Vernon station.

2006

- King Street Station renovations continue.
- Amtrak *Cascades* adds additional round trip (fourth) between Seattle and Portland.